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FURY OVER CHANGE TO KIG PLANS

■ BY ANNA WHITE

THE applicant behind controversial plans for a freight depot near Bearsted intends to submit new information in a bid to win approval.

Christopher Katkaouski, of Leicester-based Marrons Solicitors, representing the applicants for Kent International Gateway (KIG), revealed there would be new plans for the proposed 259-acre road-rail freight interchange just off the M20 at

junction eight in Hollingbourne. He spoke at a pre-public inquiry meeting at Maidstone town hall on Friday.

The additional plans show the applicant wants to reduce the size of the three larger warehouse units at the site by a total of 73,000 square metres – and wants to submit a new environmental report supplement.

But Maidstone council has said if the new information substantially affects the application its planning committee rejected in April, the report will have to be reassessed.

Assistant director of development Brian Morgan told Yourmaidstone: "The applicant has told us they intend

to submit new information by July 5.

"The applicant has further information in relation to the environmental impact assessment and the council will need to examine the results. We are reserving our position until we have seen the information."

The council said it will have made a decision on the new information by the end of the first week in August.

The applicant's solicitors had already written to each of the boards involved in the KIG debate and the appointed planning inspectors, Andrew Phillipson and Malcolm Rivett, ahead of the meeting at the

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FLOWERS FOR OUR FALLEN WARRIORS

A woman lays four pink flowers at a memorial to soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The tribute to troops killed in the line of duty was unveiled at Invicta Barracks, Maidstone, on Friday, watched by family and friends of fallen comrades.

The project was commissioned by 36 Engineers Regiment on their return from Afghanistan in March, last year, after the deaths of Lance-Corporals Jake Alderton and Sean Violino during the deployment.

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Dedicated five honoured to receive MBEs

FIVE people from the Maidstone area were made Members of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The list, released at the weekend, included Allan Sinclair, a retired funeral director who was honoured for his 47 years in the profession.

Mr Sinclair, 66, who lives in Snodland, was not as excited as some may have expected when he first received the MBE letter.

He said: "I thought it was a tax demand at first, but when I realised what it was I was immensely proud."

"It reflects the hard work people in the funeral business put in. We are there when people need our help during the low times."

It was Mr Sinclair who was called upon to embalm the body of Kenyan president Jomo Kenyatta in 1978.

He became a master fellow – the highest rank – of the British Institute of Embalmers in 1979.

He was also recognised for his help during the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster in 1988, when Mr Sinclair identified some of the deceased and arranged the funerals.

Mr Sinclair was joined on the MBE list by Virginia Duncanson, who runs Pypmes Court Farm in Loose Valley, with her husband Colin.

Mrs Duncanson, 67, has been recognised for her work in farming and conservation. She said: "I was stunned when I heard the news and very pleased."

■ BY ANNA WHITE

Mrs Duncanson, who married into the farming industry 46 years ago, runs tours of the farm for groups of all ages. The husband and wife team enjoy teaching others about their passion so much that they converted a 400-year-old barn into a learning centre.

Mrs Duncanson said: "With the children we play games and make it fun, and with the adults we answer their questions."

She has also been chair and vice-chair of the South of England Agricultural Society, and a youth leader in the RSPB.

Another Maidstone resident to receive an MBE was Richard Bolsin, the general secretary of the Workers' Educational Association.

Mr Bolsin, who lives in Yalding and is a governor of Mereworth Primary School, has been recognised for services to adult education.

He said: "This is recognition of the hard work of all the volunteers and staff at the WEA during my time here."

"Through their dedication and commitment we have returned the WEA to a respected position as a provider of important education courses to 80,000 people a year, often reaching those who need education most and who other providers rarely reach."

Also honoured was Ann Echlin, from West Malling, for services to the community in north Kent; and former Kent Police chief inspector Robert Kennett, for services to policing.



PROUD: Allan Sinclair



WORK: Richard Bolsin

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Trisha accused 'fears the media spotlight'

A MAN accused of assaulting a fellow guest on TV chat show Trisha failed to appear at court because he was "too scared", his lawyer claimed.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Ian Wallace, 24, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, after he did not answer conditional bail to appear at Skegness Magistrates Court on Friday.

He was charged with common assault after an incident at Maidstone Studios, Vinters Park, on February 12.

Solicitor Ruth Harrop told the court he "was in genuine fear because this is a case that has attracted a huge amount of media attention".

Rock in summer style

SHOPPERS will be treated to a rocking summer fashion show at one of Maidstone's busiest shopping centres.

Fremelin Walk's summer party show will unveil holiday styles during a free catwalk show on July 4, at 11.30am and 2pm.

Models from House of Fraser, Oasis, Zara and Republic, and other fashion stores, will showcase summer must-haves while dancers teach passers-by a special routine performed to Kevin Rudolf's Let It Rock.

Kent School of Dance can be seen doing the routine on YouTube and Fremelin Walk wants shoppers to learn the moves and join in on at 3pm on the day.

All aboard rail group

COMMUTERS are being invited to join a new rail users group for Maidstone.

A meeting to form the Maidstone and Bearsted Rail Travellers' Association will be held tomorrow.

The group is being organised by the founders of the Keep Our Trains Campaign, aimed at preventing Southeastern scrapping off-peak fast services to London.

It is hoped the new group will be able to keep up-to-date with issues such as timetable amendments and will work with Passenger Focus to improve services.

The meeting is from 8pm-9pm at Maidstone Community Support Centre in Marsham Street.




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Barracks memorial to brave lost comrades

■ BY ANNA WHITE

A MEMORIAL was unveiled at a Maidstone Army barracks to honour soldiers who have died in the line of duty.

The memorial, carved from Portland stone, was unveiled by Major General AD Macklin, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers, at Invicta Barracks, home of the 36 Royal Engineers and the Queen's Royal Gurkhas.

The project was commissioned by the regiment on their return from Afghanistan in March last year, after the deaths of lance-corporals Jake Alderton and Sean Violino, who died during the deployment.

L/Cpl Alderton, 22, from Bexley, died on November 9 when the vehicle he was in rolled off a bridge near the town of Sangin in Helmand province.

L/Cpl Violino, 29, from Salford, whose real name was Ivano but was known as Sean, was killed on September 17 when an Army truck was hit by an explosion, also in Helmand province.

The regiment had already raised a large amount for their comrades' families but their loved ones decided to hand the money back to go towards the memorial.

Both families attended the ceremony which was led by the Rev Eric Delve, along with serving soldiers, Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Peter Parvin, and Cllr Dan Daley.

L/Cpl Alderton's mother told the BBC: "We have had good family support and a good support network. The Army has been really good and we



PROUD DUTY: A soldier salutes the new memorial to soldiers killed in the line of duty unveiled at Invicta Barracks



HEROES: L/Cpl Jake Alderton, left, and L/Cpl Sean Violino

all just hold each other up really. But we miss Jake dreadfully. The house is not the same without him and it never will be."

The soldier's father said: "We are trying to move forward and are working with Help for Heroes. Those who die always get a lot of press. Unfortunately, those who are injured and have their lives changed don't get a great deal of

publicity. The lives of the people who have been lost will never have been wasted as long as we do everything to ensure the work they started is finished properly."

Liberal Democrat Cllr Daley described the ceremony and memorial as "beauty in the simplest form" and a "fitting memorial".

The memorial, which cost about £40,000, commemorates all soldiers lost from the regiment since the Falklands war in 1982.

It features the crests of the corps, the regiment and the Queen's Gurkha Engineers, surrounded by stones representing the theatres of operations in which the regiment has served.

Fraud conspiracy accused in court

THIRTEEN people facing charges of conspiracy to defraud a tour operator will enter pleas in September.

Kent Police arrested seven people in relation to attempts to defraud Thomas Cook in October, last year. The arrests came after reports of fraud involving holidays booked using compromised credit cards.

They appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, after being charged with fraud in April. They will reappear on September 14 for a plea and case management hearing.

They are: Hayley Donlon, aged 21, from Maidstone; Pauline McKenna, 37, Strood; Nikki McKenna, 28, East Peckham; Jason McKenna, 40, East Peckham; Louise Allgood, 38, Gillingham; Matthew Allgood, 31, Aylesford; Pauline Checksfield, 62, Aylesford; Cheryl Dawson, 21, Aylesford; Clive Whyte, 47, Aylesford; June Stacey, 43, Maidstone; Chris Farquharson, 41, Forest Hill, south London; Norman Pooley, 44, Larkfield; and Tina Walking, 46, from Snodland.

Five others were arrested but released without charge. One other person remains on bail.

Car passenger dies

A PASSENGER died when the car he was in overturned after hitting a tree on Monday night.

The maroon Saab the 63-year-old was in collided with a black Ford Fiesta on Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, at 11.23pm. The Saab left the road and hit a tree.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Two other people suffered serious injuries.

The occupants of the Fiesta suffered minor injuries. Police are appealing for witnesses to contact them on 01622 798538.

Anger over late change to KIG plans

FROM FRONT PAGE

town hall, to advise them of the changes.

The announcement did not go down well with opposition groups StopKIG and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), who said the late submitted information should not be accepted by the inspectorate.

Richard Knox-Johnson of CPRE said: "It is just unfair to submit new information just as we are at a point where the public understand what is happening.

They are changing what they are doing all the time. We wouldn't be allowed to submit new information at this point."

Richard Ashness of StopKIG said: "It is another example of them continually trying to change the target. I am disappointed the applicant has been allowed to submit new information."

The latest information from KIG managers will be available for the public to view and comment on once it has been submitted, which will be taken into the account when the council makes its decision.

The public inquiry is due to begin on October 13 and last a maximum of eight weeks.

Quintet's plea delay in murder bid case

FIVE men charged with attempted murder after an incident outside a county town nightspot have appeared at Maidstone Crown Court.

Adibola Alimi, aged 18; Nicholas Garcia, 24; Earl Williams, 25; Dare Adun, 20; and Ryan Findlay, 17, are all charged with three counts of attempted murder, wounding with intent and violent disorder.

The charges relate to an incident outside the Lockmeadow Complex, Maidstone, in the early hours of Friday, April 24.

Three victims, Jermaine Dixon, Dion Benjamin and Marcus Williams, were taken to Maidstone Hospital and released after treatment.

All five men were due to enter a plea at last Wednesday's hearing, but Judge Andrew Patience QC granted prosecutor Adaku Oragwu's request for a dismissal hearing for Alimi, Williams, Findlay and Adun to be held on July 3.

Alimi, of Beechholmes Estate, Hackney, east London, Garcia, of Moresby Road, Hackney, Williams, of Imperial Avenue, Hackney, and Adun, of no fixed address, have all been remanded in custody.



DAY IN COURT: Accused five will return

Findlay, of Isledon Road, Holloway – who was 17 on the day of the hearing – has been released on conditional bail.

The judge denied a request for Findlay's 7pm to 7am curfew to be removed so he could attend a nightclub in Camden to celebrate his brother's graduation tonight.

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Building society to shut up shop for good in town

THE Maidstone branch of Cheltenham and Gloucester will be shut a month before Christmas.

Lloyds Banking Group announced last week it is to close all of its 160 C&G branches within the UK in November this year. The closures mean the company's 1,600 full-time employees could be out of jobs.

The town branch currently has seven employees, who are waiting to be offered other roles within the company or redundancy.

£135,000 play area gets official opening to public

A PLAY area has been officially opened after undergoing a £135,000 makeover.

After being completed last year the new equipment for teenagers, juniors and toddlers has been officially opened at the play area off Giddyhorn Lane, in Allington, just in time for summer.

The project has been part-funded by a nearby developer and some money has come from the Maidstone councillor's devolved budgets.

Head chef cooks up new menu for pub restarant

A POPULAR pub has impressed its first diners after re-launching its restaurant.

The new owners of Bearsted Rose Inn on Ashford Road, the Channa family, hosted an evening with family, guests from the community and the Mayor of Maidstone Peter Parvin, on Saturday.

New head chef Chris Bish has devised a new menu using fresh ingredients at a reasonable price. For more information visit www.rose-in.co.uk.

Show proves to be good business for businesses

A B2B exhibition was held in Maidstone to allow business people to meet potential new clients and network with exhibitors.

The event at the Ramada Hotel in Hollingbourne sold all of its exhibition stands and attracted a good range of new businesses.

The exhibition, organised by Partners Representation Solutions, was free to attend and ran from 9.30am to 2.30pm last Wednesday morning.

Prison opens doors to public with exhibition

■ BY ANNA WHITE

PEOPLE who have always wondered what goes on behind the walls of Maidstone Prison can delve into its past at a newly-opened exhibition.

The Within the Walls exhibition at Maidstone Museum in St Faith's Street charts the history of the prison since it first opened in the town centre 190 years ago up to the present day.

The exhibition is a celebration of the prison's role in the community and a chance for Maidstone residents to have a glimpse at what has been on their doorstep since 1819.

Maidstone and Weald Tory MP Ann Widdecombe, a former prisons minister, officially opened the exhibition on Saturday.

She said: "It went very well and the fact the Mayor of Maidstone, Peter Parvin, and the High Sheriff was there just shows the degree of interest. The exhibition shows the role the prison has played in the community, such as employing local people.

"It is a very good exhibition that shows the prison's long history and its changing nature."

Mr Parvin said: "The official opening of the exhibition was excellent - I found the tour by Giles Guthrie, the keeper of human history at the museum, very informative."

The prison has significantly evolved since the 1800s and has recently become a spe-



GRAND: Dignitaries including Miss Widdecombe (second left) and Mr O'Connell (far left) attended the opening event

cialised sex offender unit with a smaller section for foreign prisoners - together housing about 600 inmates.

Mr O'Connell said: "The history of Maidstone Prison reads like a history of the British penal system through the years of public execution, deportation and the reform movement of the late 1800s. Throughout the 1900s Maidstone has played its part in the development of the modern Prison Service and has housed many infamous prisoners in that time.

"Most of Maidstone citizens will regularly

pass the prison, but know little about it or what goes on inside."

Maidstone Prison is also celebrating 100 years since its on-site print shop opened and this is continuing to allow countless prisoners to master skills that can help them when they are released. The shop is supervised by five qualified instructors and employees about 60 prisoners, who work Monday to Friday, helping pre-press, print and finish.

The Within the Walls exhibition runs at Maidstone Museum until July 26.



EERIE: The tree in Cobham Manor Park covered in caterpillar cocoons

Munch bunch go to town

THIS tree at a country park which contains a plush golf course on the outskirts of Maidstone looks like it has been covered in a giant spider's web.

But it has actually become home to a colony of bird-cherry Ermine moth caterpillars.

They have covered the tree and surrounding ground at Cobtree Manor Park, at the bottom of Bluebell Hill, with silk webbing which they feed under.

Different species of Ermine moth caterpillars feed on various food sources but the park has had

an explosion in the population of the species which feed on bird-cherry trees.

The Ermine moth caterpillars eat the leaves on the trees, then cover the trees in cocoons of silk like giant spider webs and change into moths.

The trees are not harmed and the caterpillars will not cause any long-term damage to them, they will re-leaf again.

For more information on butterflies and moths consult the Butterfly Conservation Organisation at www.butterfly-conservation.org.

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ON THE CATWALK: Models show off some of Lucy's designs at last week's Graduate Fashion Week held in London

Fashion student shows her class at London event

EXCLUSIVE

BY ANNA WHITE

A TALENTED fashion student from Maidstone has showcased her graduate collection in front of thousands of people at a prestigious London show.

Lucy Roberts, from Lenham, was picked by a panel of judges at the Rochester-based University for the Creative Arts internal show to present her fashion creations at Graduate Fashion Week (GFW).

The annual event, presented by River Island, is notorious for attracting fashion scouts who have the power to further the young designer's dream of making her mark in the fashion industry.

Miss Roberts' collection took to the catwalk on Monday last week in front of an audience which included designers Jeff Banks and Zandra Rhodes, and models Claudia Schiffer and Erin O'Connor.

Photographs

Miss Roberts, 25, who has just completed a three-year fashion innovation and management degree at Rochester UCA, said: "Things didn't go as well as I hoped during the internal show so I was really surprised when they said I was one of the ones to go through."

"I can't believe it. It is such a great opportunity to get my name out there and hopefully attract some interest from the scouts and designers."

During its 18-year run GFW has launched the careers of British designers including Stella McCartney and Julien Macdonald, and previous winners have gone on to work for the likes of Calvin Klein and Gucci.

Miss Roberts' graduate collection was inspired by a visit to the Museum of Childhood – part of the V&A museum – in Bethnal Green, London.

She said: "I was really inspired by the photographs and old toys and took ideas from that into my work. I focused on toys such as paper dolls and created garments



DREAMS: Lucy hopes her work will attract interest

that took elements from them.

"I created garments which are both two and three dimensional and incorporate layering."

The talented designer fought-off stiff competition from other fashion students at the UCA internal show, held at Chatham Dockyard on May 6 and was one of 20 to be chosen to present in UCA's slot at GFW.

The internal show judging panel was made up of a number of fashion experts including Maidstone-born designer Karen Millen, who now lives in Watlington.

Although Ms Millen does not own her self-titled company anymore, Miss Roberts currently works within the Canterbury-branch of the fashion company and previously at Ms Millen's first store in Maidstone.

She said: "It was great that Karen Millen was on the judging panel, but I don't think she knew that I worked in the store. She is a great inspiration for me, so for her to have some part in choosing me was brilliant."

• Fellow Rochester UCA student Myrto Stamou, 23, who lives in Rochester, won the gold medal for her women's clothing collection at GFW – taking home the £20,000 prize fund and a chance to show her designs in the window of River Island's flagship store in Oxford Street, London.

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Plans for a-mazing tribute

A CHARITY wants people to bring a spade or wheelbarrow and help create a woodland maze in memory of a member of their group.

Frank Manning, a committee member of Bearsted Woodland Trust (BWT), died in November last year, and his friends want to keep his memory alive by making a children's surface maze. But to make the memorial the BWT needs volunteers and tools to help them dig on Saturday.

The maze, to be sited near to the Church Landway main entrance, will be similar to the surface maze at Leeds Castle.

Forrest Builders have loaned their compactor and a truck to remove the soil and will be helping with supervision on the day.

The group will meet at the main entrance at 9am and work to get the job done until midnight. For more details call BWT vice chairman Peter Wilson on 01622 632682 or email peter@bearstedwoodlandtrust.org.

River Bar back to its best

A FORMER doorman has brought one of Maidstone's top nightspots back to its former glory just in time for summer.

The River Bar on the bank of the River Medway was once renowned for its big name DJs and popular club nights, but a re-branding as Fat Sam's last December did not work.

Former doorman Adrian Slack, 26, decided to take it on when it closed, changed the name back to River Bar and celebrated a successful opening weekend on May 24.

Its restaurant is set to reopen soon and exciting events are planned for the summer.

Alley closed due to attack

AN alleyway in Maidstone town centre was cordoned off while forensic officers investigated an alleged assault.

The attack is believed to have happened in the alleyway just off the High Street during the early hours of Monday morning.

The scene was cordoned off for several hours while forensic experts scoured it looking for evidence to piece together the events of the incident. The alleyway was reopened to the public on Monday afternoon.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident should call Maidstone police on 01622 690055 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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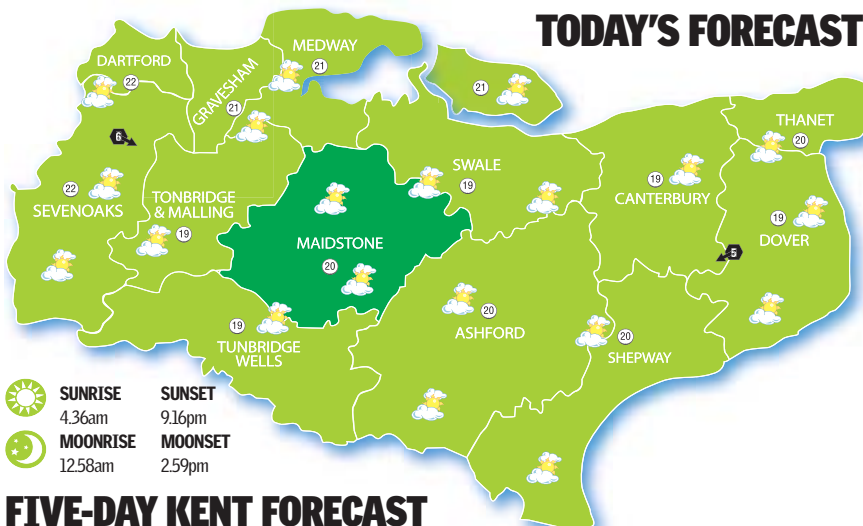


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Dover	Saturday	9:20am	5.9m
	Sunday	10:16am	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:38am	6.6m
	Sunday	10:31am	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:50am	4.5m
	Sunday	10:46am	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:02am	5.3m
	Sunday	12:00pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:03am	4.8m
	Sunday	12:00pm	4.9m



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Amsterdam	18°C	Madrid	29°C
Athens	29°C	New York	19°C
Barcelona	25°C	Paris	16°C
Beijing	28°C	Rome	29°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	17°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	28°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	22°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	13°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	Gravesend	21°C	21°C	22°C	22°C	21°C
Canterbury	19°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Maidstone	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Chatham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	19°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C
Dartford	21°C	21°C	22°C	22°C	21°C	Rochester	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C
Faversham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
Folkestone	17°C	19°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	Tonbridge	20°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Gillingham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Tun Wells	20°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C

Tory Helen adds value to charity's mission

TORY hopeful Helen Grant has become the patron of the county town's branch of a national employment charity.

The prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and the Weald accepted the invitation to become an ambassador for Tomorrow's People.

The charity's mission is to break to cycle of unemployment and dependency by helping the most disadvantaged people to get and keep a job. Mrs Grant said: "I'm delighted to be involved. Nationally the organisation has helped more than 400,000 long-term unemployed since 1984.

"Their work is not just about jobs, it's about self-esteem, self-confidence and unlocking pathways to achieving social mobility – something that is close to my heart."

As a patron Mrs Grant, who is hoping to succeed Ann Widdecombe MP at the next general election, will promote the charity at local, regional and national levels.

Chief executive Debbie Scott OBE knew Mrs Grant from when they worked as special policy advisors for the Centre of Social Justice, where they focused on dealing with the causes of family breakdown and long-term unemployment.

Ms Scott said: "Tomorrow's People is thrilled to have the patronage of Helen Grant.

"The charity is committed to helping local people who are furthest from the labour market and we believe Helen's involvement will add value to our message."



SUPPORT: Debbie Scott, left, and Helen Grant

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QUESTION & ANSWER

JULIE ASKEW



Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I am a 45-year-old widow living in Maidstone with my 11-year-old daughter Amie. My husband and I were originally from Lincoln but moved to London 20 years ago after being told the streets were paved with gold (no evidence to date, but we liked it so we stayed). We moved from London to Aylesford 12 years ago. We were told it was unlikely that we would be able to have children so we bought a very old house as a project. Six months later I fell pregnant.

Q Why did you choose recruitment for a career and what training did you need?

A Recruitment has been my career since moving to Kent. However, I did not choose recruitment, it chose me. I have always worked in sales and marketing and having moved to Kent, I no longer wanted the commute to London, so I went to register with Adecco UK in Maidstone for work. After a four-hour registration (and a parking ticket!) I was sent to head office to be interviewed for the role of branch manager. I started with Adecco on April 1, 1997, and totally fell in love with recruitment. I loved the pace and the people – it's a tough role, but the rewards make it worthwhile.

Q Did you find that job satisfying?

A I spent the next seven years with Adecco UK, who offered me the most amazing training opportunities both in this country

and the USA. I later became a regional manager covering the South East with 17 branches and have nothing but fond memories.

Q Why did you decide to take up the post of community fundraiser with the hospice?

A After the death of my husband from cancer in 2007, I stood down from the recruitment industry to spend more time with my daughter. My priorities had changed and I seized the opportunity to address my work/life balance.

I had both sales and marketing skills, and after some volunteering work with the fundraising team at The Heart of Kent Hospice, I knew I wanted to become more involved.

Q What challenges do you think you will face in your new role and what are you looking forward to most?

A My main responsibility as a community fundraiser is to encourage the local community to host their own fundraising events, anything from a coffee morning to a concert. This is a challenge in itself as time, for everyone, is such a valuable commodity.

Q Tell us about the fundraising events you have lined up for this year?

A We have some great events lined up, including the Granny Bike Ride and summer fete on August 9, Teas & Trains in Hunton on July 26 and Infest 09, to name but a few.

Q Why is it important that the community supports the hospice?

A It is crucial that the community get involved and support us. The hospice was built by the community, for the community and it is only with the support of the community that The Heart of Kent Hospice can continue its amazing work.

Q How can people get involved with fundraising?

A At any one time the hospice cares for approximately 350 patients and their families through its range of services, including inpatients unit, day therapy, family services and community services. Hospice care is free to those who need it, and this year £3 million is required to cover running costs, and with only 29 per cent generated from statutory funding we continue to be heavily dependent on the generosity of our local community. If any individual or community group would like to work with The Heart of Kent Hospice, I would love to hear from them. They can contact fund-raising and marketing on 01622 790195.

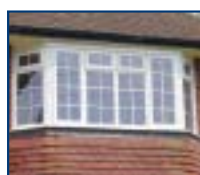
Q Tell us something most people don't know about you?

A I think that this new role is fate. My career with Adecco started on April 1 and I had seven good years. My role as community fundraiser at The Heart of Kent Hospice started on April 1, so ask me in seven years time...

Q&A

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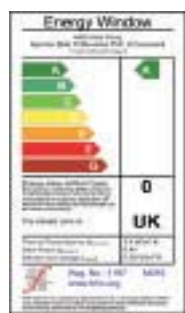
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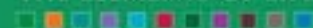
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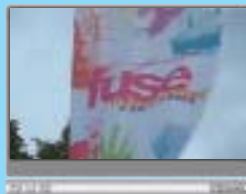
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Landlord's high hopes for Scarecrow of the South

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A 100ft statue dubbed the Scarecrow of the South could soon be welcoming visitors to Romney Marsh and be seen as far away as France.

Based on legendary fictional smuggler Dr Syn, the prospective landmark could be south Kent's answer to Mark Wallinger's White Horse monument to be built at Ebbsfleet – which has been called the Angel of the South.

This would see Kent have two new tourist attractions to bring in visitors.

The statue project is the brainchild of pub landlord and author Niko Miaoulis and artist Terry Anthony, who together have continued to promote the character inspired by Russell Thorndike's novels.

The idea is still in its early stages, but land has already been set aside for the statue at Haguelands Farm and informal discussions are taking place with Shepway council.

Mr Anthony, whose paintings of Dr Syn have been used in novels and DVD covers, said the idea came about when he and Niko were discussing how best to refurbish the 500-year-old Ship Inn.

He said: "We were talking about creating a smuggling theme in the pub and there was a suggestion of a statue outside the entrance and it just grew from there.

"Using statues as huge pieces of art seems to be in vogue at the moment and it's just what the marsh needs. It's not a rival to the horse in Ebbsfleet – that's a long way away from here – but it would be an incredible draw.

"It is an unusual idea. I'm pretty sure there will be objections, but 90 per cent of the people I've spoken to think it's wonderful."



STRIKING: A Scarecrow of the South could join the planned White Horse to decorate the county's skyline

Landlord Mr Miaoulis, who has relaunched the Ship Inn as a shrine to the Dr Syn myth, said: "The story is firmly rooted in local history. The character itself can be traced back to the 1700s and is an amalgam of three different people.

"The idea just snowballed and there's been a huge groundswell of support.

"The geography of the marsh lends itself to it. We can already see pylons and wind turbines, which are not exactly pretty, but this would be something meaningful for the marsh.

"It would be a very public monument and will probably even be seen from France."

Initial estimates suggest the statue could be 60ft-100 ft high but would not dominate the landscape in the same way as the wind tur-

bines or pylons. By comparison, a turbine is about 400 ft in height. The statue would be made out of black stainless steel to withstand all weathers, with the maize maze site at Haguelands Farm touted as a possible location.

Mr Anthony said last year's DVD release of Disney's 1964 film of the story, which starred Patrick McGeehan, had generated even more interest in the character's mythology.

He said: "If they commission a remake, it would be the icing on the cake. I'm not sure how they would do it, but the scarecrow could be silhouetted and would make for a fabulous backdrop."

Leading London theatre producer Mark Sinden and Chris Hogben, star of TV's Bargain Hunt, have also thrown their support behind the project.

Enjoy the fruits of your labour

Pat Crawford gives wildlife gardening advice from Hadlow College in her exclusive column for Yourmaidstone

GARDENERS who want to take a holiday or dine al fresco might be advised to do so towards the end of June – or July or August. There are less essential jobs at this time of the year and a couple of weeks off won't have a detrimental effect.

Sit back and enjoy the fruits – literally and metaphorically – of earlier efforts.

It's a quieter time for most wildlife too. The frenetic period attached to producing young is out of the way and the parents can relax a little in their duties.

Months ago, the weathermen were promising what they termed 'a barbeque summer'. One of the things that frequently results in problems for birds and mammals during hot periods is lack of water.

A few hot days and many sources simply dry up – and this certainly applies to shallow birdbaths too.

If we do get that promised hot weather, one of the simplest and most beneficial ways of helping wildlife would be to site some extra water containers in different locations around the garden.

Dead-heading is important because the energy the plant would otherwise put into producing seed is invested in the plant itself. But we're coming up to a time of year when it's important to consider which seed-heads should be left intact in order to provide food for birds and other wildlife.

Sunflowers, thistles, teasels, marigolds – and many others – produce seeds that could provide meals well into the colder months.

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A FARMERS' market will be held at McFarlane's Garden Centre, Swingfield, on the A269 near Folkestone, from 10am to 2pm today (Wednesday). Entry is free.

• Call 01304 844244 for more details.

THE popular Elham Farmers' Market will celebrate its first anniversary this weekend with a slice of birthday cake for everyone.

The market has offered seasonal produce from local growers to villagers and visitors twice a month for the past year and has been a roaring success.

The anniversary will be marked with balloons, apple-bobbing for children and a piece of cake for all visitors, from Gatehouse Farm in North Elham.

Sunday will also see the first visit of Fish from Hastings and Rye, selling a selection of locally-caught wet and smoked fish.

The market's popularity has soared in its first 12 months and has attracted a loyal following on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Folkestone-born TV chef Phil Vickery has been a supporter of the market from day one, not just because he began his culinary journey by working at the Rose and Crown pub in the village.

He said: "Congratulations to the local producers for providing such a range of high-quality goods and to the shoppers for recognising and appreciating the value of good seasonal local food produced by people who care."

Each market has about a dozen stalls boasting pork, lamb, beef, game, breads, fruit and veg, flowers, plants, and vegetable seeds, cakes, pies, curries, jams, chutneys, eggs, apple juice, cheese, olives and fish. It takes place from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Rose and Crown.

Anne Leva, Elham Farmers' market manager, said: "Throughout this first year, we have achieved our aims of providing locally-produced food for the benefit of consumers and producers."

"Elham Farmers' Market is a popular place for shoppers to meet and buy quality, local food at fair prices."

"It helps the environment by reducing food miles and encourages healthy eating by making fresh, high-quality food available in season and at realistic prices."

June markets are the best time to discover the tastes of early summer. The first Kentish fruit is available, so strawberries and gooseberries can replace rhubarb on the menu. Asparagus is still around, but young broad beans, peas and new potatoes can be enjoyed with new season lamb.

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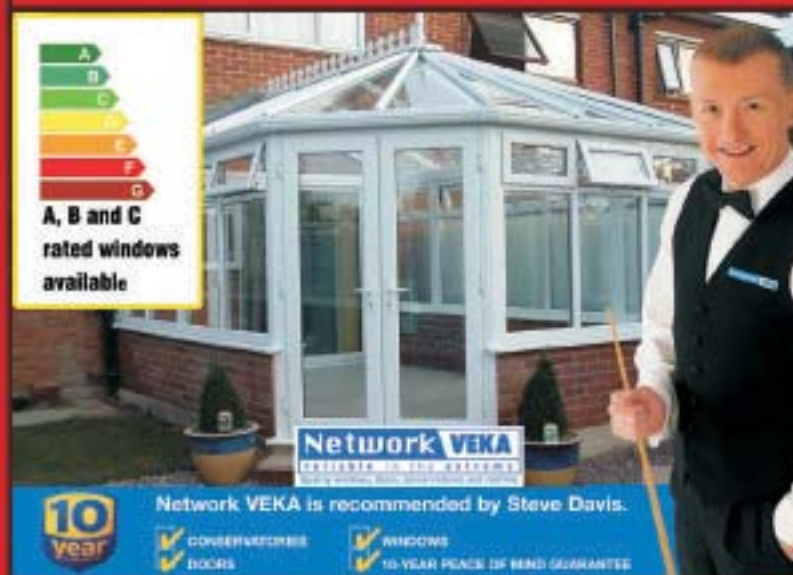
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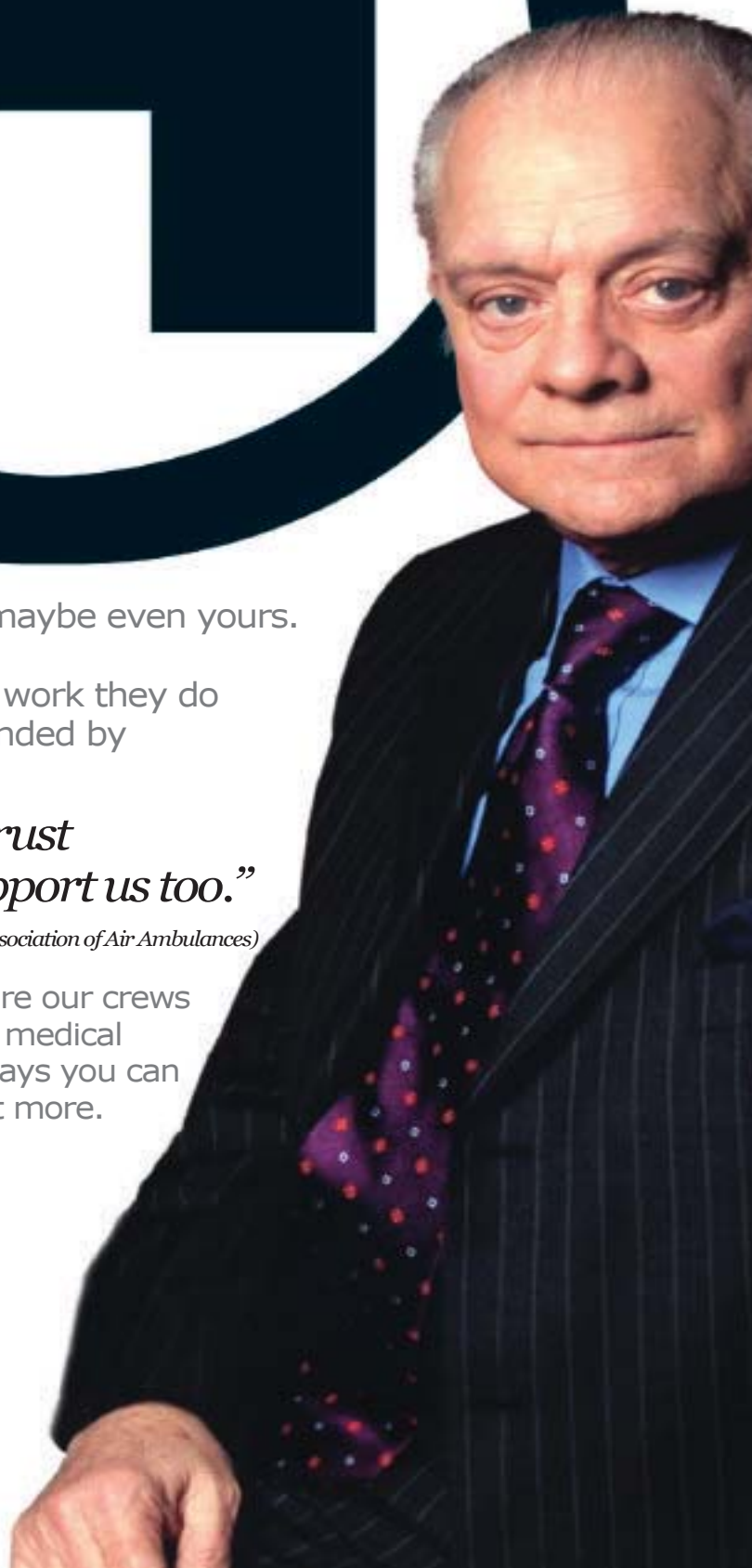
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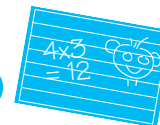
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Climate champ role for Abigail

A SCHOOLGIRL has been chosen to represent the views of young people in the South East on dealing with climate change.

Abigail Motley, a student at St Simon Stock Catholic School, in Oakwood Park, Maidstone, was chosen by the British Council for the role after fighting off stiff competition in the council's Climate Champion Competition.

She was required to plan a project to champion climate change within Maidstone, which got her on to the shortlist.

Miss Motley was then asked to undergo an interview, present her plan and answer tough questions from the council panel.

The British Council chose her as the South East Climate Champion and will now fund the project and turn her plan into reality – which is to launch allotments in the Platts Heath area of Maidstone.

Miss Motley said: "I am very honoured to have been chosen for this role and I am looking forward to raising awareness about the serious issue of climate change, especially with young people like myself – our voice needs to be heard because it is our future."

The budding climate change campaigner was one of six students from the Maidstone

■ BY ANNA WHITE

school to enter the competition and five of them reached the interview stage.

St Simon Stock science teacher Stephen Thompson organised the school's entries to the competition.

He said: "The competition is a wonderful opportunity for young people to make a real difference and to set an example for older generations."

Headteacher John McParland said: "I am absolutely thrilled for Abigail and all our students who entered the competition."

"The students were very keen to practise their presentations before the day of the interviews and I was enormously impressed by their talent and creativity."

"They all fully deserved to be short-listed and I am not at all surprised Abigail won. She will represent our region superbly."

The school has launched its own St Simon Stock Climate Change Co-ordinators' Group, led by pupil Peter Black.

Miss Motley will give presentations in the school assemblies and the group will organise in-school events to help raise awareness about reducing carbon emissions.



CLIMATE CHAMPION: Pupil Abigail Motley (centre) with science teacher Stephen Thompson (left) and headteacher John McParland (right)

BREAK TIME

Pupils to take on cricketing stars

WORLD-famous cricket stars will come to Maidstone on Friday to play against Sutton Valence School team.

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The Lashings team includes former England stars Phil DeFreitas, Devon Malcolm and John Emburey, South African batsman Herschelle Gibbs, Zimbabwean all-rounder Henry Olonga and West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge, under the captaincy of New Zealander Chris Harris.

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Give football's minnow nations a little World Cup of their own

THE England v Andorra qualifying match for next year's World Cup was a nice little run out for our top players, who are now all away on a beach somewhere.

And they left in style – 6-0 was a good result even if their opponents are really nothing more than an average non-league team.

They would probably turn Ashford or Folkestone over – but I think Dover might be a bit too much for them.

And as the argument goes – you can only beat the opposition you are set up against.

But the question remains, should nations such as England even be playing against the likes of Andorra?

The same night as England triumphed the Faroe Islands were in action and got away with a 2-0 home defeat to Serbia.

Malta played as well and lost 4-0 to Sweden.

Not in action were such giants of the European game as San Marino – actually ranked at 191 in the world just below Bhutan

and Macau – various offshoots of the old Asian part of the USSR and even places such as Luxembourg, who have always played in European qualification to no avail whatsoever.

But I don't feel smaller nations should be deprived of the chance to play in the World Cup.

Cricket and rugby have offered the ideal solution. Have a preliminary tournament with these countries in a group on their own.

San Marino v Malta might be competitive. At least the players from both sides would improve in proper games, not one-sided massacres.

They would learn to play together and attack – not just pack their own penalty area and try to foul anyone who makes a run at them.

And if enough of these groups – such as another one for the Eastern Europeans – could be set up the winners of each could play off.

Then the winners of a sort of minnows world cup could have a shot at qualification for the tournament itself by playing the third placed team in Oceania, or the fourth best side in Asia, or the runners-up from North America.

That way they would actually have a realis-

tic chance of playing in the finals themselves.

Fans of mid-ranking clubs may find this unfair but at least the likes of Belarus, Norway and Latvia can compete against Italy, Holland and Germany.

This appears so sensible, I wonder why it isn't done.

Oh yes, I realise now.

Money.

Every match played is a chance to get a crowd in sell replica shirts, burgers and hot-dogs and have the TV rights haggled over.

Also there is the vote – every country has one so I don't suppose the Maltese FA are miss out on the odd money-spinner against France.

But a look at the wider picture might see their football progress to a point where it is worthwhile them playing the game and not just losing 5-0 every time they take the field.

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TALK TIME

IAN COOLING

The chairman of Kent Crimestoppers took the time to tell us about its vital role providing police with information to crack crimes.



How long have you been with Kent Crimestoppers?
I joined in 2004, became vice-chairman in 2005 and was elected chairman in 2006.

What are your main aims and objectives?

Our vision is "The Crimestoppers number in every house in Kent". The wider national objectives are: "Through the provision of a freephone number, 0800 555 111, to help identify, prevent, solve and reduce crime by enabling anyone with details of criminal activity to pass them on anonymously, without fear of exposure or retribution". Or, in the words of our slogan: "Tell us what you know, not who you are".

Calls to Kent Crimestoppers are anonymous which must result in a lot more people calling you, than say, the police. How does this work?

Our operators are trained to exclude all identification details from all reports passed to the police. From those reports, it is not possible even to identify whether the caller was male or female.

The numbers of calls we receive are huge. Nationally, in the year April 2006 to March 2007, we received 80,660 actionable calls. These are calls that lead to such action as arrest, caution, court appearance and sentencing.

Do you get positive feedback?

Yes. We regularly man a stall at community safety events across the county and receive praise for the service.

People feel it gives them a channel to pass the information they have, without putting themselves in harms way.

YOUR LETTERS



Ban objectors are acting like children

I was interested in the varying views expressed last week concerning the above, especially as I am a reformed heavy smoker.

In view of the now overwhelming medical evidence of the dangers of both smoking and even "passive smoking", I find the actions of the "crusader" sad, selfish and totally irresponsible.

Equally, I think that those who consider the government is "treating them like children" and accuse those who object to their filthy habit as "fanatics" are not only behaving like naughty children but, clearly, also suffer from learning difficulties.

Dave,
from Ditton, by email.

Voters should think carefully next time

The local elections may have been a disaster for Labour



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in Kent but is anyone surprised?

The county has no history of voting anything other than Conservative for as long as anyone can remember. And that's whether its local, national, or Euro.

So I don't think anyone can say the local disaster for Labour means much at all.

Across the country I know it wasn't a good night. But people should think very carefully about voting for the opposition.

Tories tighten their grip on county town

Do we really want another Tory Government in power?

Emma Hope,
from East Malling, by email.

At least we didn't elect the BNP

The elections may have been predictable but Kent should take a pat on the back. At least this county did not return one of the odious BNP candidates to the European Parliament.

Yorkshire should be ashamed.
Maurice Hamilton
by email

It's an odd way to remember the war

I was interested in the D Day reports in your newspaper last week. But I do wonder what the people who re-enact the military stories add to the occasion.

People lost their lives during those battles and I do not feel comfortable with the fact people celebrate it by dressing up. It must look very strange to the real veterans. But I suppose it gives younger people an idea of

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what went on during the battles of the last century so maybe it is good as "living history".

In any case it was a moving occasion and although I only watched on television I got a real sense of how much it meant to all who attended.

Julian Paynter
from Maidstone, by email

We need action to match green words

The Green Party has challenged Kent County Council's leadership to show their commitment to a sustainable transport system in Green Transport Week, which runs until this Saturday.

Kent County Council can show its commitment to sustainable transport in by taking up new policies.

These should include: a 20 mph limit in all residential areas; an end to major road building; creating proper cycling and walking networks; far better bus services in rural areas; no new Thames crossing; no lorry parks – particularly not on green field sites – and only measures to push freight on to rail,

canals and short-distance shipping.

Measures like these would be consistent with David Cameron's repeated claims of concern about climate change. But where do the county's Conservatives stand? Green rhetoric is easy, but where are the policies needed to create sustainable transport in Kent? We have not seen them from KCC so far.

Dr Hazel Dawe,
chair of Kent Green Party, by email.

It's time to get shirty about addiction

I am writing to tell your readers about an action day called Sport Shirt to Work Day that takes place on Friday next week.

Whatever your team or sport, you can pay £2 to wear your favourite sport shirt to work or school on June 26 and support leading addiction charity Action on Addiction.

Why not organise a special sporting event to raise awareness about addiction and promote sport as a healthy way to prevent or combat addiction problems?

Addiction affects one in three people in the UK and more young people are drinking and taking drugs than ever before. Action on Addiction is the only UK charity working across the field in research, prevention, treatment, professional education and family support.

To register your school or business to take part in Sport Shirt to Work Day, call 0207 7931011, email

beckett.vester@actiononaddiction.org.uk, or sarah@aona.co.uk, or see www.sportshirt.org.uk.

Nick Barton, chief executive of Action on Addiction, by email.

Go back to university to relive the fun

Are you a graduate of the University of Leicester? If so, the university would like to invite you back on to campus for the 2009 Homecoming on June 27.

There is no need to register, simply turn up on the day. There are many reasons to revisit your alma mater, including renewing friendships and visiting old haunts.

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Even if you can't attend but would like to stay in touch, please email us on alumni.relations@le.ac.uk.

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Lisa Davies,
alumni relations officer for University of Leicester, by email.

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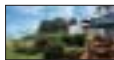
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Don't miss the Big Event weekend fun on the Isle

MAGNIFICENT men in their flying machines will be entertaining the crowds at Margate's Big Event this weekend.

Billed as Kent's leading land and air festival, the two-day event will make the perfect Father's Day treat, with lots of aerial thrills and spills on offer. If spectators look to the sky, they will see some of the best flyers in the world performing for their entertainment.

The world's premier aerobatic team, the Red Arrows, will be paying a flying visit to demonstrate the breathtaking stunts that have made them such an unmissable treat. The Red Arrows were formed in 1965, following many years of all RAF training schools having their own aerobatic display teams. In 1964 the RAF decided to form a single, full-time professional team, which was first formed by the Red Pelicans flying six Jet Provost T Mk 4s.

Later that year they were succeeded by five yellow Folland Gnat jet trainers, known as the Yellowjacks, before the Red Arrows - officially known as the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team - was formed at RAF

Fairford in Gloucestershire the following year.

Other planned aerial displays include the poignant Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Typhoon jets and more aerobatic delights from the Aerostars.

Come back down to earth in the nicest possible way with the fantastic entertainment lined up on land. Rock out to classic Queen hits during the spectacular music show, They Will Rock You, which pays tribute to a number of iconic music stars on Saturday night. This authentic performance of Queen's legendary live concert also features guest stars 'Tina Turner' and the Magic of the Bee Gees. A thrilling firework finale



will round off Saturday's entertainment in explosive style.

With street entertainers, a funfair and live music on offer, this year's Big Event looks set to be even bigger than ever. Refreshments will be available in the beer tent and food and drink village, while kids will be amused by the children's entertainers.

To help people reach the action, a free shuttle bus will be running from Margate railway station to Palm Bay during the event. Parking is available opposite the site, priced at £5, while those who choose to arrive on two wheels can reach the site using the Viking Cycle Trail.

The event runs from 10am to 10pm on Saturday and 10.30am to 6pm on Sunday, with a different programme of attractions each day. Treat Dad to a special Father's Day lunch in the VIP hospitality area on Sunday for £30 per person. For more information call 0870 2646111 or visit www.thanet.gov.uk/margates-bigevent.

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Thursday, June 18
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The singer-songwriter from Tunbridge Wells has been hosting showcase evenings for some time and has added a bi-monthly Maidstone event, enabling a wider audience to hear talented artists play.

Top of the bill in the Music Room is the Richard J Lewis Band, billed as one of the leading unsigned acts in the South East. An acclaimed jazz artist from Canterbury, Lewis (pictured) blends jazz and swing with modern pop twists to create an atmospheric sound.

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FANTAZIE

Thursday, June 18 to Sunday, June 21
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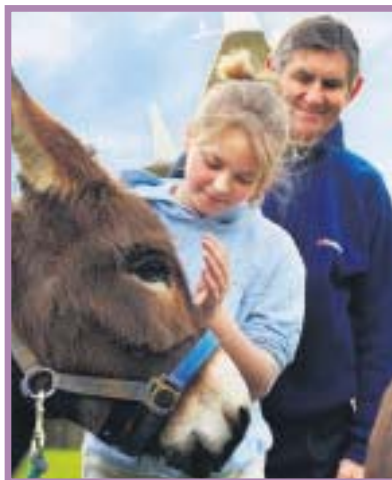


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On Sunday, fathers go free when accompanied by their child and can enjoy a great day out at the recently improved attraction. Dads who have an interest in agricultural machinery will love the display of tractors and engines from bygone years, along with the other exhibits at this weekend's Classic Transport Rally.

There will be plenty to keep children busy too, as they work off their energy in the indoor and outdoor play areas. They can go on an adventure along the discovery trails and make some new furry friends in the hands-on pets' corner.

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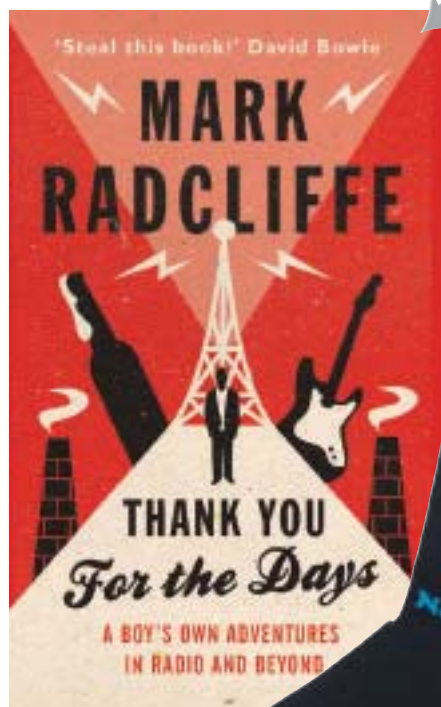
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The company is looking for fresh new talent in the county and wants to hear from you.

Diverse is offering free audition slots to anyone who may have something to offer.

The goal of the project is to create a talent bank of artists who could be put in touch with each other to share ideas or perform together.

It could prove to be a hotbed of creativity,

■ BY TOM BETTS

with the facilities and technology to put down professional tracks at the Diverse studio in Biltong, near Ashford, already in place.

Bands, songwriters, solo artists, DJs and rappers are all invited to apply. Bookings for the auditions are being taken now.

The firm is run by three industry experts, with insider Malissa Whitehouse – who has worked with a host of big names like Travis and George Michael – heading up the team.

She wants to help newcomers pursue their dream and make a name for themselves.

She said: "This project is our chance to give something back to the music scene in Kent and we're hoping to find some great acts."

"We can help with their development and provide a doorway into the music industry for people who may not have had a chance."

Working with Malissa are producer Lee Gollidge, who specialises in rock, indie and alternative material, and Tony Matthew, a former member of 80s soul band Soul II Soul.

The two are highly accomplished musicians and will be on hand to offer their advice to those who join the process.

Malissa added: "We're open to all kinds of artists – whether you're a band looking for exposure or a singer who wants expert advice or studio time, anyone can apply."

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Beautiful Bohemia

THE mention of Bohemia might have plenty of people in the UK – including even some seasoned travellers – scratching their heads and reaching for the map of Europe.

But after a visit to historic Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, I found it a great place to escape the hustle and bustle – all within a 90-minute drive from the city and its airport.

From the converted 300-year-old farmhouse where we stayed in the village of Ujzed on the

■ BY PETER BEAL

edge of the Sumava National Park, we could walk all day through woods, hills and fields, seeing hardly another soul.

For real outdoor enthusiasts, it's possible to mountain-bike for more than 30 miles on undisturbed trails as far as the German border.

Two hours after leaving our farmhouse retreat, a walk brought us to the former silver-mining village of Hory Matla Boz – it means Mountains of the Mother of God – where our



host, guide and interpreter Richard Eccles took us into the local inn, the sort of place where time seems to have stood still.

I enjoyed a simple rustic meal of the delicious local soup kulajda, made of milk, cream, eggs, potato, cumin and dill, that arrived in a huge bowl and cost about 50 pence a head. It was washed down with a pint of beer costing about 65 pence.

The area's rich history is celebrated with joy in the fairytale town of Cesky Krumlov, about a 90-minute drive from the Ujzed farmhouse.

Painstakingly-renovated houses and cottages line the winding cobbled streets, squares and courtyards of what is hailed as one of the best-preserved Renaissance towns in Europe, together with one of the world's best two 17-century baroque theatres.

We ate in the welcoming cavern-like basement of the Satlav restaurant, where a huge barbecue grill warms the air.

Traditional garlic soup comes with a loaf of bread serving as its bowl (£1.50), while the main course of pecene koleno – roasted pork knee, with mustard, horseradish, bread and potato pancakes (£6.50) – could just about feed a family of four.

Beer fans will love Bohemia. The famous Pilsner Urquell brewery in Pilsen, producing beer for more than 170 years, offers informative guided tours and has an excellent museum nearby with its own pub attached.

We were taken to the Modra Hvezda Hotel in the picturesque town of Dobruška, where master brewer Petr Petrulasek, 42, single-handedly and lovingly produces 40,000 litres of ale a year, all of it drunk in the hotel and restaurant's own bars.

At 11am the wood-panelled bar and dining rooms, dominated by the copper brewing vats, were almost full with workers taking their traditional early lunch.

Petr produces his list of beers, ranging from a modest 3.8 per cent strength to an alarming 9 per cent special Christmas ale, and suggests we taste them all in turn. We opt for a more modest programme, bearing in mind the time of day.

He saw us on our way with a glass of his speciality pivni palenka – a spirit distilled from one of his beers with a strength of 50 per cent. Fortunately, we had a driver.

Travel details

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Ben Stiller and Ricky Gervais return in the sequel to the 2006 family blockbuster, continuing the misadventures of the living exhibits from New York City's famed Museum Of Natural History.

Why Heather's stripper role has a ring of truth

BY ELLIE GENOWER

SOME people say it must have been a pretty good party if you wake up the next morning with no memory of what happened the night before.

But piecing together events that took place in an alcoholic haze can be a painful process - just ask the guys in Las Vegas-set comedy The Hangover.

Troublesome trio Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms) and Alan (Zach Galifianakis) wake up in their swanky Caesar's Palace hotel room after a stag night with no recollection of the previous evening.

There are a few clues: Stu's mysterious missing tooth, Phil's discovery of a baby in the wardrobe and Alan walking in on a tiger in the bathroom.

What's worse is that the boys have also lost Doug, their best friend and groom-to-be, and they have just 48 hours work out what happened and find Doug in time to make it back to Los Angeles for his wedding.

"A lot of people are going to relate to this movie," says Heather Graham, who plays a stripper in the comedy caper.

"Their night is just more horrible than you could have ever imagined."

Clearly, wild nights out aren't just confined to men, and you get the feeling the actress has had a few larger-than-life experiences of her own.

Indeed, she recalls ending up at a New York sado-masochistic dinner club on one hen night a few years back.

She says: "There's a menu which says 'you can be disciplined, you can be tied up, or you can spank or be spanked'. There was another bach-



GIGGLY: Heather Graham does yoga three times a week

elor party in there where a guy was spanking a girl."

Heather, wide-eyed, girly and giggly, doesn't appear 'dark' in the least. Perched on a chair in a garish Caesar's Palace hotel room, she looks cool and collected in navy blue La Roque shorts and a DKNY top, despite the searing Vegas heat outside.

In true Hollywood style, Heather appears

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much younger than her 39 years - which she puts down to eating healthy and three yoga sessions a week.

Having been linked with the likes of Ed Burns and Kyle MacLachlan in the past, Heather has now settled down with 32-year-old director Yaniv Raz.

"No, we're not engaged but we moved in together. It's fun." Marriage may not be on the cards yet, but she admits she is getting broody.

"I was never really that interested (in babies), but recently I'm like 'hmmm, that could be fun'," she says. "I've definitely been thinking about it more lately. I love babies. They are really sweet and they make you happy. They're just such pure joy."

THE HANGOVER
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MICHAEL MCINTYRE'S COMEDY ROADSHOW
BBC One, 9.30pm, Saturday

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT
ITV1, 10pm, Thursday

STAND-UP comedy has made a triumphant reappearance on Saturday night prime-time TV thanks to award-winning funny man Michael McIntyre.

The 32-year-old's meteoric rise has been confirmed with his fronting of the new variation on the Live at the Apollo format.

The first of the series was held in Edinburgh, with McIntyre's pseudo-camp posturing proving a good foil for his light-hearted mockery of Scottish culture. His parody of everything Celtic, from Scotch egg to Scotch tape, went down well when he put on the brusque, Braveheart-inspired accent, as did his skit on wearing tartan kilts and sporrans.

He gave way to the first of four guest acts, Glasgow-born Kevin Bridges, whose measured delivery to stretch out the jokes was good, but fortunate it only lasted ten minutes.

He was followed by Stewart Francis and Mark Watson, who were much wittier and sharper in their observation, topped by Rhod Gilbert, arguably the most well-known of the line-up alongside McIntyre.

Sean Lock, Al Murray and Patrick Kielty are among the other guest comedians scheduled to appear this series, in what should make for good entertainment.

Britain's Got Talent victim Susan Boyle has barely out of rehab five minutes when another load of hapless wannabes have hit our screens.

Just ten minutes into the first episode of America's Got Talent I decide, categorically, that I am never



FUNNY GUY: Michael McIntyre is the host of BBC1's new comedy show on Saturday nights

going to the USA. It's not just the cheesiness of judge David Hasslehoff or the baying, screeching crowd. It's the absolute over-the-top feeling that encompasses everything American.

I know the British version of the hit show is ridiculously edited to pull at the heart-strings, but at least the normality of Ant and Dec keeps your average viewer grounded.

In the first episode of AGT, it takes almost 15 minutes to introduce the judges with a tacky voiceover from Jerry Springer – a telling sign of what's to follow.

Attention is focused on Sharon Osbourne, Piers Morgan and David Hasslehoff – mainly as the contestants are so very uninspiring.

But so far, over a week into this show I can honestly count the number of "talented" people on one hand and Piers Morgan is somehow morphing into Simon Cowell as the 'scary' judge.

All he needs now is some high-waisted trousers.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



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DON'T be shy with a new-comer on the social scene. Showing off your creative talent is the best way to capture their attention and win their heart. If you're already in a relationship, be sure to tell your beloved just how much you care. Sometimes actions aren't enough to calm their worries.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
IT'S time to talk salary, even if you've been working somewhere for only a short time. If you feel you're being underpaid, speak up. Your employer won't be able to argue with your logic. If you can't get more money, ask to have your responsibilities scaled back.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
YOUR ideas are way ahead of their time so don't be surprised if not everyone instantly understands them or appreciates their true worth. At times you will grit your teeth with frustration over the short-sightedness of people around you but if you keep calm, you will prevail.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
GETTING someone to admit their deepest, darkest secrets is child's play to you. You have a knack of putting people at their ease and persuading them to open their heart to you. Take care that you use what you learn wisely. Using it to destroy a rival's reputation could backfire.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
THE key to your happiness may be tuning out a meddling relative. They may say they want the best for you, but they don't really understand your creative nature. If you have to make a choice between financial security and creative fulfilment, you'll pick the latter every time.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
GET straight to the point or you could miss a golden opportunity. Time is of the essence, particularly when it comes to love and money. It's probably best to keep your plans a secret, just to give you the inside track. A creative professional could show an interest in you and your work.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
NOTHING escapes your attention. This is a great time to go on job interviews and meet with authority figures. Whether you want a job or aim to change and improve the world around you is immaterial. You can move mountains through your powers of persuasion.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOU'LL catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Resist the urge to tell a misguided official what's what. Their plans are totally absurd, but they're not prepared to hear that. Humour them with a few constructive comments and then suggest an alternate way of doing things.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOUR silver-tongued gift of the gab is highlighted this week making it a great time to strike up a conversation with a mysterious newcomer. The two of you will hit it off like strawberries and cream. A social outing may be cancelled, so it's wise to have a plan B in place, just in case.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
IT'S probably best to keep your thoughts a secret. A misguided neighbour or relative is intent on pushing ahead with a plan and nothing you say will change that. Go ahead and let them make their own mistakes. Money you've been waiting for could be delayed.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
AN upbeat attitude opens plenty of doors. Don't back down when dealing with a pessimist. A few well chosen remarks may be all it takes to get them to see sense. A youngster shows some signs of backsliding, but by gently revising your approach they will get back on track.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
LEARN as much as you can about a computer program or gadget. Being technically savvy will make you a hot commodity on the job market. If you get offered a position go ahead and ask for a higher salary. Watch what you say around a young person or you could find yourself in hot water.

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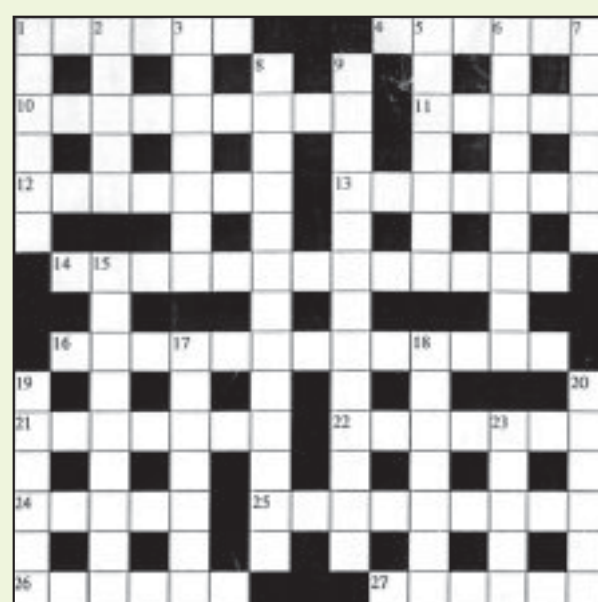
ACROSS

- 1 Left with new title that is diminutive (6)
- 4 Down-hearted Jack about to enter plane (6)
- 10 Catchy number! (6-3)
- 11 Table of church services (5)
- 12 Not back as it is not a good hand (2-5)
- 13 None of the family away in Scotland or Japanese island (7)
- 14 Time one is put to the test - by lie-detector? (6,2,5)
- 16 One cannot remember having it (5,2,6)
- 21 Crude strange Scottish ramshackle hut (7)
- 22 Sort out a Parisian quintet in real trouble (7)
- 24 What habitual drinker has? (5)
- 25 Nothing repeatedly to measure with this African river gauge (9)
- 26 Happen to be arranging diet (6)
- 27 Holiday that is a signal for disaster (6)

DOWN

- 1 Los Angeles shelter was hidden (6)
- 2 Deal with some of the theatre attractions (5)
- 3 Let us say it can be found in salads (7)
- 5 Bizarre sort of tray for hot coals (7)
- 6 Dentist's fan? (9)
- 7 Confounded dearth of fibre (6)
- 8 Be ruthless, complete countdown (4,2,7)
- 9 How VIP met with great success? (3,2,8)
- 15 No new bill to be paid for later (2,7)
- 17 51 in group are wretched (7)
- 18 Doctor taken in by lady on African xylophone (7)
- 19 Reserve found prickly seed-case in outlying district (6)
- 20 Ministers unusually grey class first (6)
- 23 Chose to put incorrect mark (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Metric weight (6)
- 4 Everywhere (used to refer to cited works) (6)
- 10 Theatre (9)
- 11 Remove weapons (5)
- 12 Made a strenuous effort (7)
- 13 Silk fabric (7)
- 14 Traitor (5,8)
- 16 Dressage, cross-country riding and showjumping (5-3,5)
- 21 Glass cover (7)
- 22 Selected passage (7)
- 24 Stylish (5)
- 25 Coupé (9)
- 26 A beard (anag.) (6)
- 27 Grow furious (3,3)

DOWN

- 1 Ground squirrel (6)
- 2 Open-mouthed (5)
- 3 Religious sage (7)
- 5 Rock containing water (7)
- 6 Search thoroughly (5,4)
- 7 Vertebrate (6)
- 8 Adobe (3-5,5)
- 9 Annual horserace in USA (8,5)
- 15 Furnish (9)
- 17 Appreciated (7)
- 18 Lymph (7)
- 19 Spain and Portugal (6)
- 20 Tasted (anag.) (6)
- 23 Sovereign (5)

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SWEET DEBS

Hopeful, happy, shy girl, 22, loves all the normal stuff about life, searching for a mature guy, 24-39, for loving friendship and happiness. Box 880373

A VERY BUBBLY PERSON

Very shy young lady, 24, brown hair and blue eyes, seeks caring and outgoing man for good times and socialising. Box 452500

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522

MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Scottish girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people, more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

DESTINY CALLING

Hello all I'm 28, 5ft5, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male, 45-2305

ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft4, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curly figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

LIVING IT

Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun bloke, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451254

WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449515

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

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SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male. Box 905614

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

THE WIT TO WOOL!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-occasional female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests, to find love with. Box 452106

JOINED AT THE HIP

Scatible petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun bloke with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTW a genuine, good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTW mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819

COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hi, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090

SWING THIS WAY

Sweet girl, 43, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, nurse, searching for active man, for pubs, clubs and good times. Box 451028

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Box 451469

TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!

Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right, I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTW the right man for TLC. Box 880280

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 452952

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?

Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889890

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

COUPLE UP

Haisham-based woman, 45, brown hair/blue eyes, attractive and cuddly. I'm genuine and loyal and enjoy bowling, meals in and out, cinema, music, animals. Box 452484

NO FUSS!

Easygoing and down-to-earth 46yr old redhead, looking for male, 40-50, for an uncomplicated relationship. Box 879205

25 COMPANY

Seeking gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Fife, 47, work in nursing and WLTW someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503

HAPPY TIMES

46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

A COMPANION FOR LIFE?

Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

Londoner new to the area, 57, 5ft5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587

DINE WITH ME

I'm Marianne, 40s, tall and blonde, extrovert, love travel, sports, restaurants, the good things in life, looking for a tall, solvent gent, 40-50. Box 452191

ANIMAL LOVER

Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH, I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals and WLTW similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498

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ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

WHY WAIT?

Sincere female, 50, seeking clean shaven, reasonably good-looking man for a brighter future. Box 844882

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Average female, 53, 5ft4, slim/mid build, GSOH, enjoys most things in life, WLTW fun-loving man for friendship, maybe more. Box 878962

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Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Box 883410

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We don't want to buy, we just want to snoop

A SURVEY by PropertyLive.co.uk has revealed that 20 per cent of people view houses just to snoop around other people's homes.

The survey found that one in five said they had viewed a property they could not afford and were not even looking to buy a home. According to the research, seven per cent said they liked to view houses to get ideas for their own homes.

Meanwhile, a previous survey conducted by PropertyLive.co.uk discovered that 12 per cent of people looked on property websites to find out how much their neighbours' homes were worth.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals, said: "It's no secret that Britons are obsessed with looking at property, but what this research suggests is that for some people it has become a full-time hobby."

Interest rates are held

THE Bank of England has announced it is holding interest rates at 0.5 per cent for the third consecutive month.

The level of interest was announced alongside a continued focus on quantitative easing.

Housing market specialists were left unsurprised by the news, which had been predicted for some time. However, they added it was a good move.



KEY OF THE DOOR: The house rental market is starting to show a sustained recovery thanks to falling supply and rising prices, but the opposite situation exists for flats

Rent market for houses shows encouraging signs but flats lagging behind

■ BY NICK AMES

4.31 per cent for houses and 5.25 per cent for flats.

Andrew Smith, head of the research, said: "A slowing in the increase of supply and signs that asking rents are beginning to stabilise indicate that we may be close to the bottom of the rental market."

Full swing

"However, the house and flat markets continue to polarise, with houses starting to show a sustained recovery thanks to falling supply levels and rising prices, while the flat market seems to be lagging behind with increasing supply levels and asking rents that continue to fall."

In the capital, asking rents were experiencing a rise of 0.4 per cent for May, now standing

at £1,630 pcm, compared with the average UK asking rent of £819.

The largest month-on-month increase in rents was experienced in Scotland, where a rise of 0.9 per cent took the average asking rent to £693 per month.

The West Midlands also experienced a 0.3 per cent month-on-month increase in rental prices, which FindaProperty.com said was driven partially by a 1.9 per cent increase in rents for properties in Birmingham.

Mr Smith said: "In line with the overall picture of the UK rental market, there are some early signs of regional revival, with London and the South East leading the way in England, and Scotland also experiencing rental growth. However, there is still a long way to go until the recovery is in full swing."

"All of the regions continue to show year-on-year rental declines and a number of regional cities are still registering double-digit falls in price."

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A three bedroom terraced family home with off road parking, gas fired central heating and double glazing. There is a lounge/dining room and utility area. An internal viewing is essential.

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MAIDSTONE £239,995

A four bedroom chalet bungalow. The master bedroom has an ensuite and there are 3 reception rooms, kitchen and utility room. An internal viewing is recommended and there is no forward chain.

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BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA £162,500

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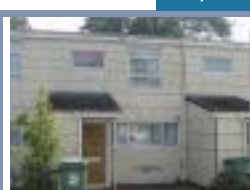
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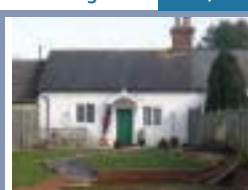
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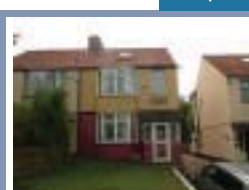
- Modern 3 bed detached house
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- Delightful 2 bedroom property
- Village Location
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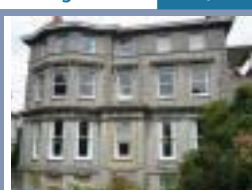
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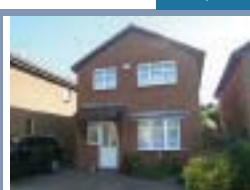
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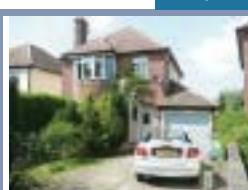
- Two Double Bedrooms
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- Communal Garden
- No Onward Chain

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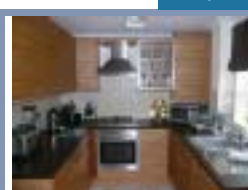
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- Conservatory
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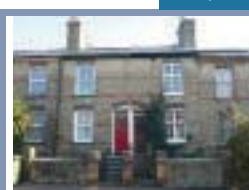
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- Garage and off road parking
- 2 Reception rooms
- Offered with NO CHAIN

Eccles £125,000



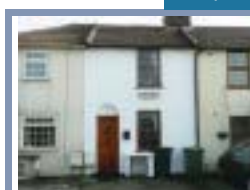
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- Allocated parking space

Maidstone £174,995



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- Gas central heating

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MOTORS NEWS



High fiver Skoda also goes a touch greener

SKODA is taking orders on the Octavia Greenline, joining the Fabia and Superb Greenline in the Czech marque's line-up of most environmentally-friendly models.

Its frugal low emission (114g/km of CO₂) 1.6-litre diesel is highly tax-efficient for company car users. Skoda – just confirmed in the JD Power customer satisfaction survey top five for the 14th year in succession – has also boosted Scrappage allowances on the Octavia range.

Prices range from just £8,995 for anyone trading in a car 10 or more years old.



Soul star sitting high in charts after launch

KIA sold 1,000 eye-catching Soul models within 100 days of launch – an impressive feat in the recession for a car breaking new ground for the UK and the Korean carmaker.

Half of sales were for the mid-range Soul 2, but Kia has tapped a rich marketing seam through 'Originals' custom packages, with the Soul Shaker landing 16 per cent slice of all sales; it comes with 18-inch alloys, houndstooth interior trim and reversing camera with a small LCD screen hidden in the rear view mirror.



Volvo celebrates taking top What Car? honour

VOLVO scooped top honours at the 2009 What Car? Green Car Awards with its S40 1.6D DRIVE featuring new Start/Stop technology.

The Swede beat the BMW 118d and Renault Megane in the small family category before storming to victory against other category winners helped by CO₂ emissions of just 104g/km (£35/year road tax) and returning 72.4mpg on the official combined cycle, but also scored for practicality, safety and driver enjoyment.



LEADING THE WAY: The SLK looks good and is suited to long distance business meetings or a weekend away with boot space for two decent-sized bags, even with the roof folded down

SLK's class shows in the race to be best crop top

ROAD TEST MERCEDES SLK

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Once in motion, it feels solid even with roof down and the wind deflector – £210 extra, I'm afraid – and side windows allow easy conversation even at the legal motorway limit.

For the SLK is that rare sports car truly suited to a long distance business meeting or weekend away; the folded roof steals boot space, but there is room for two decent-size soft bags – capacity drops from 300 to 208 litres when the roof is retracted – and plenty of stowage inside the cabin.

The £200 'Direct Steering' pack on our car made the wheel a bit too light, but the SLK's rear-driven chassis is beautifully-weighted and the optional sports chassis (£185) is set up to hug even tighter to corners, yet ride quality is excellent for this category.

Past experience shows the test car's 229bhp 3,498cc V6 is probably the best power option, though the 200 Kompressor and awesome 5.5-litre V8 AMG mount strong arguments.

However, the smooth V6 feels blunted somewhat by the £1,575 seven-speed auto transmission. It changes smoothly, can be driven in manual mode and does not dent the car's performance, but I wonder if it might be liberated more by a self-shifter?



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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above.

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For further information and an application form, please contact
Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm.

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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent League Division One

Ashford Town 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

A DISAPPOINTING performance with the bat halted The Mote's charge towards the top of Division One.

At Ashford, the hosts won the toss and chose to bat, which proved to be an inspired decision. Town put together one of their best batting performances of the season by posting a score of 246 for 5, to earn them a winning draw.

Openers Matthew Lincoln and Liam Tegg got Ashford off to a great start by scoring 47 each. The Mote's bowlers found the going tough and the partnership was only broken by a run out before Tom Harvey claimed the wicket of Tegg shortly after.

The Mote failed to capitalise on the breakthrough, as Shannon Fattore (38) and James Watson (48) built on the brisk start to the innings. Visiting captain Glen Aukett struck and grabbed two quick wickets to get The Mote back into the game.

However, Ashford captain Craig Buckham added 41 to put the hosts in a commanding position. The pick of The Mote bowlers was Aukett who took 2 for 54.

The Mote's response was weak with openers Matthew White and Tom Harvey struggling to deal with Ashford's bowling attack. White went for just eight off of the bowling of Mohsin Raza and Harvey (28) followed soon after.

Raza and Tegg kept causing The Mote's batsmen problems, with the visitors four wickets down for only 66.

Aukett and Warren Jackson provided the only resistance, batting out the remaining overs, denying Ashford victory.

The Mote take on Tenterden at the weekend.

Mote struggle for rhythm at Ashford



HALTED: The Mote (bowling) were unable to match an impressive showing from Ashford Town's batsmen at the weekend

SCOREBOARD

Ashford Town

	Runs
Matthew Lincoln run out	47
Liam Tegg ct Aukett b Harvey	47
Shannon Fattore ct Back b Daley	38
James Watson not out	48
Simon Taylor ct Thirkell b Aukett	3
Alex Watson b Aukett	1
Craig Buckham not out	41
Andrew Maurice did not bat	
Gavin Hope did not bat	
Chris Senior did not bat	
Mohsin Raza did not bat	
Extras (5b 6lb 4w 6nb)	21
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	246

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Kym Daley	9	1	41	1
Laurence Waters	11	1	59	0
Glen Aukett	15	1	54	2
Tom Harvey	13	2	53	1
Matthew White	1	0	8	0
Daniel Thirkell	1	0	20	0

The Mote

	Runs
Matthew White b Raza	8
Tom Harvey ct Taylor b Tegg	28
Richard Coles b Raza	19
Daniel Thirkell ct Buckham b Tegg	11
Chris Back ct Fattore b Buckham	1
Ed De Lucy ct Fattore b Buckham	5
Glen Aukett not out	32
Laurence Waters lbw b Raza	14
Warren Jackson not out	13
Kym Daley did not bat	
Alex Fordham did not bat	
Extras (4b 1lb 4w 2nb)	11
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	142

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	12	4	23	3
Liam Tegg	12	3	19	2
Andrew Maurice	3	0	17	0
Alex Watson	8	1	37	0
Craig Buckham	10	3	19	2
James Watson	2	0	5	0
Matthew Lincoln	1	0	4	0
Simon Taylor	2	0	13	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Farningham 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

OFFHAM stayed in touch with the leaders in Division Five thanks to a 41-run victory against Farningham.

The visitors' top order laid the foundations for a decent score, with Tom Gittings hitting 15 boundaries in his 85 before being run out. Offham lost wickets regularly near the end of their allocation, but still posted a competitive score.

Leonard Watt took five wickets in Farningham's reply to set up a comfortable victory.

Offham

	Runs
Andy Cox	23
Tom Gittings	85
Leonard Watt	38
Ben Gittings	17
Duncan Brooker	4
Mervyn Brooker	0
Daniel Blakeburn	23
Phil Blakeburn	0
Simon Hallbrook	3
Nathan Brooker	0
Mark Collier	0
Extras (4b 5lb 1w 1nb)	11
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	204

Batters

	0	M	R	W
James Wiles	9	1	45	0
Oliver Powell	3	0	17	3
Simon Price	9	2	32	1
Graham Cuthbertson	15	0	39	0
Neal Pittman	14	1	62	2

Farningham

	Runs
Neal Pittman	29
Kevin Greenhead	8
Simon Price	11
James Wiles	1
Hadleigh Wiles	77
Dominic King	6
Matthew Freedman	13
Sean Bensley	0
Steven Franklin	0
Oliver Powell	0
Graham Cuthbertson	0
Extras (5b 5lb 2w 6nb)	18
Total (all out, 38.3 overs)	163

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	12.3	2	46	5
Simon Hallbrook	8	1	35	2
Phil Blakeburn	7	1	30	1
Daniel Blakeburn	2	0	19	0
Mervyn Brooker	5	1	20	0
Andy Cox	4	1	3	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Addington Village 1st XI v Rainham 1st XI

A SUPERB performance with the ball by Duncan Brown helped Addington Village beat Rainham by three wickets to leapfrog their opponents into second place.

Brown took 6 for 26 from his 13 overs, decimating the visitors' middle and lower order to restrict them to 134 all out.

Chris Small and Jordan Shersby threatened to rescue the game for Rainham, but Mat Bruton's 46 not out steadied the innings for a vital win.

Rainham

	Runs
Jonathan Prince	5
Matt Goodwin	11
Phil Bellars	14
James Austin	0
Callum Mitchell	34
James Sherhod	24
Tom Waters	19
Chris Small	0
Paul Swaine	0
Jordan Shersby	2
Matthew Newton	6
Extras (6b 6lb 7w)	19
Total (all out, 50 overs)	134

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Keith Stone	12	4	18	1
Mat Bruton	12	2	36	2
Joe Pigott	1	0	13	0
Duncan Brown	13	1	26	6
Adam Crowley	4	0	23	0
Ben Buet	8	3	6	0

Addington Village

	Runs
Mark Rimmer	23
James Tooze	10
Will Jeffery	3
Joe Pigott	11
Ben Buet	6
Matthew Seager	8
Mat Bruton	46
Duncan Brown	5
Adam Crowley	9
Steve Merralls	0
Keith Stone	0
Extras (2lb 3w 9nb)	14
Total (7 wickets, 39.2 overs)	135

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	12	3	24	1
Matthew Newton	6	0	41	0
Chris Small	11	1	32	4
Jordan Shersby	5.2	0	16	2
James Sherhod	5	0	20	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Yalding 1st XI v Sandwich Town 3rd XI

A HAT-trick from Yalding skipper Anthony Shepherd was not enough to inspire his side to victory as they lost to struggling Sandwich by 56 runs.

Shepherd struck to rip out the visitors' middle order, but Andy Chapman (58) and Chris Smith (39) hauled Sandwich's total towards respectability.

Chasing 189, Yalding started badly and were reduced to 34 for 4. Scott Walker's 76 gave them hope, but a lack of support left the hosts well short.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Paul Goatham	9
Mason Denning	0
Tony Curwen	21
David Scarr	14
Clive Thurgate	13
Matthew Burgess	0
Andy Chapman	58
Liam Martin	4
Ben Thurgate	0
Chris Smith	39
John Wickham	0
Extras (8b 8lb 14w)	30
Total (all out, 46 overs)	188

Batters

	0	M	R	W
James Dugmore	9	2	27	2
Shumshair Haider	6	1	31	2
Andrew Robinson	11	0	59	2
Anthony Shepherd	12	5	19	3
Fergus Carty	6	0	24	1
Lee Frimston	2	0	12	0

Yalding

	Runs
James Dugmore	4
Graham Hutchins	2
Scott Walker	76
Alistair Ratcliff	6
Joel Shopland	2
Anthony Shepherd	16
Shumshair Haider	4
Lee Frimston	1
Fergus Carty	10
Andrew Robinson	0
Joshua Page	4
Extras (1lb 6w)	7
Total (all out, 42.4 overs)	132

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Chris Smith	12	5	21	1
John Wickham	9	4	23	3
Ben Thurgate	8	1	33	1
Clive Thurgate	9.4	1	37	2
Andy Chapman	4	1	17	2

FEEDER LEAGUE DIVISION WEST 1B

Highways 1st XI v Leybourne 1st XI

AN impressive showing with the ball helped Leybourne to a massive 113-run victory at near neighbours Highways.

Leybourne batted first and soon racked up the runs, with opener Matthew Simmons top scoring with 57. He was helped by David Cahalin (32), Tom Smith (43) and an unbeaten 35 from Jake Rose, which left Highways with 224 to chase down.

Highways were stunned in reply, as Leybourne's bowlers quickly found their range and took three wickets for just seven runs. The home side's fortunes failed to improve, as Alex and Jake Rose rattled through the tail, bowling Highways all out for 111 after 34.3 overs. Richard Webb finished with the best figures of 4 for 20.

Leybourne

	Runs
Matthew Simmons	57
David Lock	0
Daniel Bowman	13
David Cahalin	32
Tom Smith	43
Darren Davies	0
Matthew Webb	21
Jake Rose	35
Alex Rose	9
Richard Webb	1
Extras (2b 2lb 5w 4nb)	13
Total (8 wickets)	224

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Lee Thompson	12	1	71	2
Amit Dave	4	1	21	2
Sajid Khan	12	1	52	2
Kishan Patel	11	1	43	1
Nreppendra Singh	7	0	33	1

Highways

	Runs
I Pal	1
Hemang Moddy	6
Nreppendra Singh	1
Zafraz Raja	20
Shakeeb Ahmed	12
Harj Mander	15
Zaid Khan	22
Amit Dave	1
Lee Thompson	0
Sajid Khan	1
Kishan Patel	22
Extras (2b 8w)	10
Total (all out, 34.3 overs)	111

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Matthew Webb	10.3	2	40	2
Richard Webb	9	1	20	4
Daniel Bowman	6	3	15	1
Alex Rose	4	0	18	1
Jake Rose	5	1	16	2

Maidstone teens got to play at Wembley

Picture ADRIAN LINE



INTERNATIONAL: Michael Scott (playing for Chatham in red) played with Rob Carter for England Schoolboys against France at Wembley on Saturday

TALENTED teenagers Michael Scott and Rob Carter fulfilled every young footballer's dream on Saturday as they played at Wembley for England Schoolboys.

Both Carter, 18, who plays for Maidstone United's youth team and Scott, 17, a pupil at Maplesden Noakes, featured in the international against France.

The pair were selected for the 19-strong squad after exhaustive trials throughout the season.

France were the better side on the day, winning 4-2. Lyon striker Yannis Tafer opened the scoring but the home side levelled thanks to an own goal after a mix-up between Sebastien Faure and goalkeeper Jonathan Ligali.

James Norwood put England in front seven minutes after the break, but France stormed back to score three times to run out comfortable winners.

The Maidstone pair beat hundreds

FOOTBALL

of other hopefuls to be selected for the 20-strong squad after coming through trials earlier this year.

The fixture at Wembley was the highlight of the international season for the schoolboys side.

Good displays for the team can be the launch pad to successful careers in the sport, with Maidstone's Chris Smalling snapped up by Fulham after impressing last year. Michael Owen is also a graduate of the schoolboys set-up.

Scott and Carter were also involved in England's Centenary Shield campaign in the spring. Carter scored against Scotland as England won the competition on goal difference.

As the second youngest in the squad, Scott is eligible to try out for the team again next year.

SUPERBIKES



SUCCESS: Steve Mercer is eager to return to the Isle of Man TT next year after an impressive debut

Mercer hopes to return to Isle of Man next year

AFTER a successful Isle of Man TT debut Steve Mercer believes road racing is the way forward to progress his Superbike career and is eyeing a return next year.

The 27-year-old Maidstone rider turned heads at the notorious TT by finishing the top rookie in almost every session he took part in.

Riding for thepeoplesbike.com, Mercer quickly got to grips with the 37.7-mile road course and finished an impressive 25th place finish out of 50 runners in his first ever TT race. He followed that result with a 28th place finish in the Superstock event.

His TT, however, came to a disappointing end, as he ran out of fuel just metres from the finish line on the final lap of the final superbike race. Mercer would have recorded his best finish of 18th, but was unable to get the bike over the line.

He said: "It has been a fantastic two weeks on the island, it couldn't have gone any better really. To finish as the quickest newcomer in every session was brilliant. I definitely want to return again next year as it's just a special place. I cannot wait for next year to come around."

"It was a shame not to finish the last race and to run out of fuel on the final corner was disappointing. I tried to push the bike home, but the marshalls stopped me. I would have finished 18th, which would have been a great result."

Mercer will continue his road racing career by taking part in the Olivers Mount race in Scarborough on July 11.

He added: "I have got a busy road racing schedule ahead, which I am really looking forward to. I think racing on short circuits has come to an end for me. I cannot afford it and to be honest I prefer racing on the roads, it is a much bigger buzz."

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Picture STEVE TERRELL and PHIL HOUGHTON

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Boss urges United fans to give Barnes support

FOOTBALL

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LLOYD Hume is urging Maidstone United fans to give midfielder Nick Barnes the chance to shine after re-signing for the Stones.

The joint-manager announced the former Dartford and Ashford Town player had rejoined the club last week.

The 26-year-old central midfielder is no

stranger to the club's fans, after featuring for the Stones during the 2006/2007 Ryman South title-winning season.

The midfielder left the club after a brief spell, but Hume believes the fans will see a different side to Barnes next season.

He said: "I know the signing has raised a few eyebrows among the fans, but I believe we can get the best out of Nick. Since he was with us last, Nick has matured a lot."

"We have had a number of discussions over the close season and he has assured me that he is ready for the challenge and will give his all for the team. I hope the fans will give him their full support for next season."

Hume also revealed he is confident defender

Ryan Royston will sign a new deal at the club for next season. The central defender rejoined the Stones towards the end of the last season after being released by Ramsgate.

He said: "We are yet to sit down with Ryan, but it is just a case of doing that."

"We are confident he will sign, he has said to me he would like to continue. We are hoping to sit down with him this week."

The Stones' search for a new striker is gathering momentum and an announcement could be made early this week, while utility player James Peacock has penned a new deal.

Maidstone have also announced they will play a pre-season friendly against Dover Athletic at Homelands on July 14.

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